

REMARKS

This response is in further reference to our response filed on January 29, 2003. In that response, we explained that we would submit a certified translation of the priority document as soon as possible. As such, Applicant submits herewith a certified translation of the priority document. Applicant has now perfected the priority claim and has properly antedated the Komiya reference. Accordingly, because all of the rejections include the Komiya reference, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed and a Notice of Allowance issued. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorneys would be advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is cordially requested to telephone the undersigned.

In the event the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks deems additional fees to be due in connection with this application, Applicant's attorney hereby authorizes that such fee be charged to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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